



New Kayak and Canoe Access To Open At New Quarter Park April 1

Yorktown, March 2 – New access ramps to Queen’s Creek for canoes and kayaks will open at New Quarter Park when the facility opens for the season on April 1, York County’s Parks and Recreation Division has announced.

The ramps follow the old Queen’s Creek road that ends in a loop at the northernmost tip of the park. The century-old landing is seven-tenths of a mile from the present-day park office. There, Cub Creek joins Queen’s Creek and boaters can enjoy a spectacular view of the York River.

“The new access will increase the possibilities for canoeists and kayakers,” said Sara Lewis, park interpreter. “Cub Creek is excellent for easy paddling and birdwatching, the Queen’s Creek upstream route is a good intermediate paddle, and the downstream paddle to the York River requires a little more strength and familiarity with canoeing or kayaking.”

Boaters must register ahead of time to use the access since it requires park staff to open gates to the fire road. “We don’t want to open this road for general use,” said Molly Nealer, York County Parks and Recreation supervisor. “Hiking trails cross the path and motor vehicles would be an intrusion to those who enjoy the park for walking, bird watching, and native plant exploration.”

To register to use the new park access for small, non-motorized boats, call York County Parks and Recreation between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 890-3500.

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(PHOTO CAPTIONS BELOW)

Cleanup crew:



York County employees clean the old Queen's Creek Road at New Quarter Park in preparation for boaters to use New Quarter Park's new kayak and canoe launch.

Kayakers:



Kayakers put their craft in the water at New Quarter Park's new kayak and canoe launch, to open for public use April 1. Pre-registration is required.